Trauma Centres on National Highways

4573. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether "Trauma Centers" have been established along the National Highways by NHAI;

(b) if so, the number of such "Trauma Centres" set up;

(c) the details of their location; and

(d) the funds allotted for this purpose by NHAI for 1998-99?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Myanmar's proposal for Asian Highway

4574. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Myanmar wants to make a proposal of Asian Highway linking South and South-East to enter its territory from North-Eastern India from Imphal to Tamu but not from Bangladesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Bangladesh Government had accepted the Imphal-Tamu route; and

(c) if so, the steps taken up in this proposal by the Government of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) There is no action required as these roads already exist.

Infrastructural Status to Coastal Shipping

4575. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Shipping Policy Paper has recommended coastal shipping to be accorded infrastructural status and increase in depreciation on written down value of vessels to 40 percent;

(b) if so, whether Government have accepted this recommendation; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to implement this recommendation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. The Recommendations made by the National Shipping Policy Committee are under consideration of the Government.

Conversion of State Highways into National Highways in Karnataka

4576. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to convert some State Highways into National Highways in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the names thereof; and

(c) the time by when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) State Government of Karnataka has sent the following proposals of State Highways for declaration as new National Highways:

	Length in Kms.
1. Tumkur-Honnavar	563
2. Srirangapatanam-Bidar	740
3. Mangalore-Thirthahalli-Shimoga-Harihar	200

(c) The proposals would be considered alongwith those from other States based on their *inter-se* priority and availability of adequate funds.